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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION NO. 99

CAIRO FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

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VIENNA PASS USDEL MBFR

KUWAIT POUCH MUSCAT AND DOHA

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

1. CEASEFIRE: NO SIGNIFICANT VIOLATIONS REPORTED SINCE
SITREP 98. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO CHANGE IN SITUATION IN
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WHICH BOTH SIDES CONTINUE REINFORCE THEIR FRONTS IN
EXPECTATION THAT HOSTILITIES COULD RESUME AT ANY TIME.

2. POWS: CAIRO MENA IN ARABIC AT 1650 EST CARRIED REPORT

THAT EGYPTIAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN, GENERAL MUKHTAR, TOLD PRESS IN CAIRO THAT WOUNDED IDF OFFICER CAPTAIN DAN AVY-DAN RETURNED (NO DATE GIVEN) TO IDF. ACCORDING REPORT, MUKHTAR SAID AVY-DAN RETURNED UNDER ICRC AUSPICES AND THAT THIS ACT HAD NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OTHER THAN SHOWING EGYPTIAN GOOD INTENTIONS.

3. UNTSO: UNSYG WALDHEIM ADVISED USUN AFTERNOON NOV. 6
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THAT CHINESE PREPARING CHALLENGE ASSIGNMENT OF U.S. AND SOVIET OBSERVERS TO UNTSO, AND MAY USE OCCASION OF UNSC MEETING EXPECTED IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO ATTACK "SUPER POWER" THAT SYG HAS APPEALED AS MATTER OF EXTREME URGENCY FOR CASH ADVANCES FROM MEMBER STATES TO PAY FOR UN ACTIVITIES IN MIDDLE EAST. WALDHEIM REPORTEDLY SAID HE HAS NO RESOURCES WITH WHICH TO PAY 30 MILLION DOLLAR COST FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF UNEF OPERATIONS.

4. UNEF AIRLIFT: REPORTS FROM HELSINKI SAY ONLY FOUR OF EXPECTED THIRTEEN SOVIET PLANES ARRIVED HELSINKI TODAY TO CONTINUE AIRLIFT OF FINNS TO MIDEAST. THERE IS SPECULATION THAT SOVIET FAILURE PROVIDE SCHEDULED AIR-CRAFT RELATED TO EXPECTATION OF RESUMED HOSTILITIES.

5. UNSC MEETING: SC PRESIDENT INFORMED USUN NOV. 6
THAT THERE IS SOME FEELING AMONG NON-ALIGNED SC MEMBERS FOR CALLING ISRAEL TO ACCOUNT FOR ITS FAILURE PULL BACK TO OCT. 22 LINES. USUN EXPECTS THAT PRESSURE FOR SC MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT WILL MOUNT RAPIDLY NOV. 7. OUR HOPE IS TO DELAY SUCH MEETING ON GROUNDS IT PREMATURE WHILE SECRETARY ENGAGED IN CRUCIAL TALKS IN MIDDLE EAST.

6. OIL: ABU DHABI HAS TOLD PRODUCING COMPANIES THAT IT WILL OBSERVE OAPEC DECISION TO CUT PRODUCTION FULL TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT, OR ABOUT 350,000 BPD. ABU DHABI HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY REDUCED PRODUCTION OR EXPORTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH EMBARGO TO U.S. AND HOLLAND. FRANCE
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AND UK AMONG COUNTRIES ON "FRIENDLY LIST" TO RECEIVE FULL SHARE WHEREAS JAPAN, WHICH LIFTS 35-40 PERCENT ABU DHABI OIL, WILL BE HARDEST HIT. PRESS REPORTS OF RADICAL NEW JAPANESE POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST DENIED TO DEPT. BY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HERE. JAPANESE WIRE SERVICE FROM LONDON REPORTED LATE NOV. 6 THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAS TOLD JAPAN IT MUST BREAK WITH ISRAEL IF ITS ACCESS TO ARAB OIL IS TO BE ASSURED.

7. EUROPEAN POSITION: BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER REPORT-EDLY SATISFIED WITH EC NINE STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST (SITREP 98) AND BELIEVES IT SIGNIFICANT THAT FOR FIRST TIME ALL EC MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ENDORSE SAME MAIN

POSITIONS ON ISSUE, MOST OF WHICH DRAWN FROM SC RESOLUTIONS. QUERIED BY OUR AMBASSADOR, FONMIN SAID EC STATEMENT SEEMS TO GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO ISRAELI PULL BACK TO OCT- 22 LINES AND THAT POW SOLUTION CAN BE HANDLED SUBSEQUENTLY- ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM INFORMED EMBASSY BRUSSELS THAT FRENCH HAD TRIED IN VAIN TO MOVE NINE FURTHER FROM U.S. ON MIDDLE EAST. NEVERTHELESS, ISRAELI AMBASSADOR'S VIEW IS THAT FINAL DOCUMENT IS ESSENTIALLY A ZAYYAT-POMPIDOU-JOBERT DECLARATION.

8. MIDDLE EAST TRAVELERS: TASS REPORTS FROM DAMASCUS THAT KUZNETSOV LEFT FOR MOSCOW NOV. 6. ALGERIAN RADIO REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE HAS RETURNED TO ALGIERS FROM HIS TOUR OF ARAB CAPITALS WHERE, ACCORDING DAMASCUS MENA, HE WAS PROMOTING AN ARAB SUMMIT. KING HUSSEIN AND PRESIDENT ASAD MET IN DAMASCUS NOV. 6; ASAD ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE RECEIVED SAUDI DEFENSE MINISTER PRINCE SULTAN NOV. 6. CAIRO MENA REPORTS THAT NOV. 7 ISSUE OF AL-AHRAM WILL CARRY STORY THAT KUWAIT HAS REJECTED "PLANNED" VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO. RUSH

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